(b) Single passenger fare is to be charged. No inconvenience should be caused to the passengers.

(c) No.

MR. P. KOCHUKRISHNA PILLAI: Can the member tell us the manner in which these animals are allowed to be taken in the buses ?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: Yes, Sir. They are to be carried at the discretion of the conductor in consultation with the other passengers. If they have no objection, they will be carried and it is only lap-dogs and inoffensive animals that will be allowed to be carried in the buses.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know whether there are any other arrangements made to carry animals in lorries ?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: Yes, only on contract rates.

Recruitment of Conductors.

316. * MR. P. KOCHUKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether any minimum qualification is prescribed for recruitment as conductor in the State Transport Department ;

(b) if the answer is in the affirmative, the minimum qualification prescribed ;

(c) whether the Director of State Transport Department has selected in 1121, candidates not possessing the minimum qualification ;

(d) if the answer is 'yes', the number of candidates thus selected ; and

(e) the reason if any, for such selection ?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: (a) Yes.

(b) E. S. L. C.

(c) Yes.

(d) Ten.

(e) The rule is relaxed in cases where a backward community is not adequately represented due to the non-availability of candidates with the prescribed qualification.

MR. P. KOCHUKRISHNA PILLAI: May I know whether the rule has been relaxed recently ?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: No, Sir.

Conductors in the Transport Department.

317. * MR. S. THIRAVIAM NADAR : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) the number of conductors in the Transport Department ;

(b) the number of conductors from the Nadar community ;

(c) the number of conductors appointed in 1120 and 1121 ;

(d) the number of conductors appointed from the Nadar community ; and

(e) the number of applications received from the Nadar community ?

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MR. N. RAMAMURTI : (*a*) 199 Permanent and 172 Reserve.

(*c*) Permanent 63 and 25 respectively.

Reserve 155 and 165 respectively.

(*b*), (*d*) and (*e*) No lists are being maintained on a communal basis.

MR. S. THIRAVIAM NADAR : May I know from the member whether it is not possible to find out.

MR. N. RAMAMURTI : It is possible.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know from the honourable member whether he is aware that the answer to part (*d*) of question 316 and the answer to part (*e*) of question 317 are contradictary to each other ?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI : No, Sir, because the answer to part (*d*) of question 316 is for exceptions made.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : Then may I know the method adopted by the Transport Department to find the adequacy or inadequacy of representations of particular communities without maintaining annual statistics ?

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Advocate-General*) : The question arises only in 316 and not on 317.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : It arises.

MR. N. RAMAMURTI : Because, Sir, it has been agreed in this House and the other House that recruitment in the Transport Department need not be on communal basis. But any way, conductors are recruited more or less on communal basis.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : I do not object to the system followed. My question is what is the method adopted by the Transport Department just at present to find out whether there is inadequacy of representation of any one particular community.

MR. N. RAMAMURTI : That has not been done with regard to appointments already made. At the time of selection, representation is given to particular communities according to the normal principles accepted according to the 51 ratio.

MR PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : Then may I know why this answer is given. " the rule is relaxed in cases where a backward community is not adequately represented due to the non-availability of candidates with the prescribed qualification." How without maintaining any such record, is it possible for the Department to know whether there is inadequacy ?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI : The representation mentioned in 316 is in respect of the number of candidates being selected at a particular interview only and not with respect to existing employees.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know whether it is not possible to add up to the numbers from each community and then give an answer which will show the total number from each community.

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MR. N. RAMAMURTI: It could be done but so far as the policy of the Department has been accepted it is not being done.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether any ex-service men are recruited as conductors ?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: Yes, Sir.

Scale of pay of Conductors and Inspectors.

318. * MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the scale of pay of conductors of the Transport Department;

(*b*) the scale of pay of Inspectors in the Transport Department ; and

(*c*) the rules with regard to leave and pension of Conductors and Inspectors ?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: (*a*) Rs. 25-3-40.

(*b*) Rs. 45-5-75 and Rs. 80-5-100.

(*c*) Inspectors are governed by the provisions of the Travancore Service Regulations.

Conductors are eligible for one month's leave on full pay and one month's sick leave on half pay for one year's service. They also have the benefit of the Provident Fund.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether the service personnel belong to the permanent cadre ?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: Yes, Sir.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether the honourable member is aware that these conductors are the most hard-put of all the employees of the Department ?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: They are as hard-put as any other employee of the Department.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether the honourable member has considered the desirability of increasing the salary of these conductors ?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: They are being given special allowances during war time.

Teachers selected to go to Britain for training.

319. * MR. K. A. MATHEW: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the names of the teachers selected to go to Britain for training in inspection ;

(*b*) the names of those recommended by the Director of Public Instruction ; and

(*c*) the principle on which the selection was based ?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI:

(*a*) 1. Mr. A. K. Damodaran Pillai.

2. „ K. George ; and

3. Sry. M. A. Thankamma.

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